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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE AND THE PRG ISSUE

REFS: A. SINGAPORE 837; B. SINGAPORE 466;

--- C. SINGAPORE 429; D. SAIGON 1471.

1. REPORT REFTEL A THAT GOS MAY BE BACKING AWAY FROM  
FONMIN RAJARATNAM'S PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED INTENTION TO  
VOTE AGAINST PRG AT WMO CONFERENCE IS DISTURBING. IN

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WAKE OF GOS REFUSAL TO PROVIDE EVEN PROCEDURAL SUPPORT

FOR GVN AT LOW CONFERENCE, PLUS FONMIN RAJARATNAM'S PRIVATE RECEPTION OF PRG REPS IN SINGAPORE IN JANUARY, IT SUGGESTS A SOFTENING OF GOS ATTITUDE TOWARDS PRG.

AS EMBASSY DULY NOTED REFTTEL C GOS APPARENT WAVERING ON PRG ISSUE STANDS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO ITS BASIC POLICY WITH REGARD TO VIET-NAM.

2. WE THINK IT DESIRABLE, THEREFORE, TO CONVEY OUR CONCERN TO GOS ON THIS MATTER AND OBTAIN A CLARIFICATION OF ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS PRG. REQUEST, UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTIONS, THAT YOU SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN

RAJARATNAM AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY. IN YOUR APPROACH SUGGEST YOU DRAW UPON FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- A. U.S. WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT GOS UNABLE TO LEND SUPPORT TO SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO EXCLUDE PRG FROM LOW CONFERENCE LAST MONTH. VOTE WAS EXTREMELY CLOSE AND GOS SUPPORT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT BOOST TO ANTI-PRG FORCES.

.- B. WE HAVE RECEIVED INDICATIONS THE GOS MAY BE CONSIDERING NOT VOTING AGAINST PRG IN WMO POSTAL BALLOT. WE HOPE THIS IS NOT TRUE. IN OUR VIEW PRG CLEARLY DOES NOT QUALIFY AS A COUNTRY WITHIN MEANING OF WMO GENERAL REGULATION 18. NOR (TO OUR KNOWLEDGE), DOES IT POSSESS A METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE AS REQUIRED BY SAME

REGULATION THOUGH IT, OF COURSE, CLAIMS IT DOES. FURTHER, IT SEEMS OBVIOUS TO US THAT PRG'S INTEREST IN ATTENDING WMO CONFERENCE IS POLITICAL, NOT TECHNICAL.

-- C. WE HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT GOS WILL BE ABLE TO OPPOSE PRG OBSERVER STATUS AT WMO CONFERENCE. IF GOS HAS DECIDED TO DO OTHERWISE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER THIS INDICATES A SHIFT IN GOS ATTITUDE TOWARDS PRG AND ISSUE OF VIET-NAM IN GENERAL. AT PRESENT TIME, WHEN RVN IS BEING SUBJECTED TO WIDESPREAD COMMUNIST MILITARY OFFENSIVE OF THE HIGHEST INTENSITY  
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SINCE 1972, SUCH A SHIFT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND.

3. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF YOUR APPROACH BY CABLE, INFO AS ABOVE. INGERSOLL

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